

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 492

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A RESOLUTION to honor Chief Warrant Officer Edward A. "Ed" Coleman on the occasion of his retirement from teaching.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to a true professional whose contributions to education and his community reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer (Chief) Edward A. "Ed" Coleman, U.S. Army (Retired), is taking a much deserved retirement from his position as the Senior Army Instructor at Kenwood High School in Clarksville on June 30, 2017, having faithfully served the United States Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program at Kenwood High School in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS) for more than fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to the cadets under his tutelage has been unwavering; in recognition of his service and accomplishments, the United States Army has awarded him the Commander's Award for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, from his first day on duty, he has been a valued member of the CMCSS faculty and the district's JROTC team, and he has positively shaped the thinking and futures of hundreds of cadets through his leadership, mentoring, and coaching; and

WHEREAS, Chief Coleman began serving as the Senior Army Instructor at Kenwood in August 2001; his tenure there is notable for his many contributions to the accomplishment of the Cadet Command's mission and to the success of the JROTC program; and

WHEREAS, under his command, the Kenwood JROTC Program has earned 400 points every year on the Unit Report and earned the Honor Unit with Distinction Award during the JROTC Program of Accreditation visit; and

WHEREAS, renowned for his inspired leadership and instruction, Chief Coleman has served as the Marksmanship Team coach, JLAB coach, and Raider Team coach during his tenure at Kenwood; and

WHEREAS, last year, Chief Warrant Officer Coleman coached the Kenwood Academic Team all the way to the National Championships in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, he has spent countless hours supporting the school community in numerous service learning and community service projects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Chief Warrant Officer Edward A. "Ed" Coleman, U.S. Army (Retired), for his exemplary service as the Senior Army Instructor at Kenwood High School, salute his many contributions to the JROTC Program, and wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.